

Sedalia Evening Democrat.

NEW SERIES.

ALONE IN SILENCE.

THE SERVICES AT COLUMBUS OHIO LAST SUNDAY.

Careless Alike of Sunshine or Rain, She Steeps Well—More Concerning Missing Connell.

A friend of the Sturtevant family in this city received last evening a report of the funeral in Columbus on Sunday. It was at first decided to take the body direct from the railway station to the cemetery, but owing to the appeals of the heartbroken and disconsolate mother, the services were held at the home where the poor girl had spent so many happy days with her loving parents.

"Raise me, Jesus, to Thy Bosom."

This was the favorite hymn of poor Myrtle Sturtevant. And now that she is gone, her folks and intimate friends remember that she sang it often of late, and so sweetly, too, they say. In a pensive hour when no mortal eye nor human mind knew the anguish of her soul, she was wont to sit at her piano and gently sing, "Raise Me, Jesus, to Thy Bosom."

Coupled with the song she would occasionally repeat her favorite passage of Scripture: "I am the resurrection and the life." It is a melancholy comfort for her friends to recall these nobler impulses of her mind and heart, and think that she has realized the one wish of her life in passing to the great beyond.

The Commercial Travelers' association, of which Mr. Sturtevant is a prominent member, took charge of all arrangements. Rev. Mr. Acton, of King Avenue M. E. church, officiated. The home was crowded with friends and acquaintances of the dead girl and the floral offerings were many and beautiful. There was scarcely a face that was not wet with tears as the pastor in an impressive way spoke of this lamb that had wandered away from the flock and perished.

It is thought that Mrs. Sturtevant will never recover from the shock.

Since she has been laid away in her last sleep, the interest now turns more directly to Connell. He has not appeared in Columbus since the finding of the body. His father at Delaware, Ohio, has repudiated his son and says that justice must be visited upon him if he is wilfully responsible for the terrible event.

Here is the conversation that took place several days ago between Mr. Sturtevant and a reporter:

"She must certainly must have been mentally unbalanced at the time."

"Yes," said Mr. Sturtevant, "there can be no doubt that she was temporarily insane; otherwise she would never have done such a thing."

"Is Connell in Delaware?" asked the reporter.

"Yes; at least he wrote me a letter from there yesterday. But I was told that he was seen to get off a train in Columbus last night."

"It is rather a dangerous experiment for him to go to Columbus," suggested the scribe; "there is such intense feeling against him."

"I would not have him go to Columbus now for anything, replied Mr. Sturtevant, 'in the condition my wife is at present. I don't think she will ever get over it."

"Columbus people would make short of Connell."

"Oh, my yes, they would soon fix him. But it is not for us to condemn him. The public will do that."

"People made up their opinion of Connell at the very start," said the newspaper man. "The fact of his destroying the note and refusing to reveal its contents to you showed conclusively to most people that there was something wrong."

"That is so," concurred Mr. Sturtevant. "I thought then and think yet that Myrtle wrote that note to us and not to him. I am in hopes she has left a letter for us that I shall find it yet."

Much has been said concerning the relations between Miss Sturtevant and Connell and the scoundrel manner in which he treated her.

As the final and best account of the matter the following sketch is given:

A year ago last December the Sturtevants moved to Columbus. Miss Myrtle had been accustomed to young company and was naturally lonesome in a strange city. However, she made friends rapidly and soon had the respect of many

of the best young people on the North Side.

About a year ago Miss Hattie Meade invited Miss Myrtle to attend one of the Starr Avenue club dances. It was here she first met Connell, who has been an important factor in her tragic death. Connell, with his usual tact as a masher, made himself agreeable. He was a man of good appearance and as a member of Carlile, Connell & Co., seemed to have flourishing business prospects. About three weeks after the dance he called on Miss Myrtle. He knew she was a comparative stranger in the city and he knew that any attention would be doubly appreciated. Connell waited on Miss Myrtle and on several occasions prevented her from having a lonely hour by taking her to various places of amusement. He had design in all his attention, and developments have shown that his intentions are anything but honorable. By taking advantage of the natural opportunities and by ingrafting himself into her good graces in many other ways, Connell at length won Miss Myrtle's affections. With her positive nature it meant a great deal to the young lady when she yielded her love, which was as dear as life itself. Connell soon began to practice his nefarious tricks. He made her cut loose from all former gentlemen friends, and on several occasions he accused her of meeting gentlemen down the street and flirting with them. He pretended to be jealous, but he made the stories up out of whole cloth. It was only one of his schemes to crush the poor girl and put her more thoroughly under his influence. At other times he would manage to pick a quarrel with her and then take another young lady out to parties and entertainments. The last time he did this was about six weeks ago when he took a handsome North-side lady to the bonbon party and left Miss Myrtle nearly heart-broken at home. Any lady can imagine what agony this would be to a girl of a keen and sensitive nature. Connell began to room at the Sturtevants after the alleged engagement between them about three months ago. Although he had only about \$500 in the firm of Carlile, Connell & Co., he on several occasions gave out the impression that he was good for about \$15,000, and swelled himself in proportion in other respects.

The climax of Connell's infamy was reached when he made an indecent proposal to Miss Myrtle. According to Connell's confession to Mr. Sturtevant he was refused and that very severely. Miss Myrtle then realized he was trifling with her and she demanded to know his intentions. Connell made some evasive answer but gave her to understand that he had not been going with her for the purpose of marrying her. He was inclined to brag of winning her affections and then casting her aside. She then told Connell of her intentions to leave home unless he acted as an honorable man and married her. He scouted the idea and the engagement was declared off and it was arranged Connell should room elsewhere. Miss Myrtle told Connell Wednesday night that she intended to leave the next day but he scouted the idea. Thursday morning, when he left for his place of business Myrtle asked him in a sort of a queer way if he would miss her when she was gone. He smiled himself out and said he would see her at noon. He was engaged with customers at the noon hour and failed to return and those were the last words she ever spoke to her trifling lover.

The last morning Miss Myrtle spent at home she painted a throw. She prepared dinner for her mother and was unusually kind in aiding her for it was her last earthly act to her mother.

It now remains with conscience, the law, it possible, and God to visit retribution upon the head of the one who is responsible for the untimely death. What agony it must be for that mother to awake in the still hours of the night and imagine she had been dreaming; that Myrtle is still alive, and then to have the horrible reality crush out all hope again. The mother steals to the silent room; surely, she hears the slow breathing of the sleeping girl, sees her fair face resting upon the pillow and her hands folded in rest. Ah, ye angels of pity and mercy, comfort this broken heart. Never again shall dawn bring back the smiles and the voice of this dear one who shall rest under the stars, still and alone, till the glory of the resurrection shall arouse her.

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HIGH KICKERS.

REV. CYRUS T. BRADY EXPLODES A BOMBSHELL.

He Denounces the Young Ladies of His Denver Congregation—A Big Row.

Rev. Cyrus T. Brady, formerly rector of Calvary church, is well-known in this city. Some people remember him very well. He stands in a position to be equally remembered in Denver, whither he went not a great while ago.

Rev. Brady was at one time a clerk in the auditor's department of one of the large railroads running into St. Louis. He possessed considerable natural ability and aspired to the pulpit, where he has made more than a passing success.

His peculiarities, if they may be so called, in Sedalia, will make the following occurrence in Denver last Sunday of considerable interest to DEMOCRAT readers:

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All on account of "Native Silver," the Wood-Houseley operetta produced during the past week. Professor Housley, the composer of the score, is the organist at the church and consequently was pleased to be able to secure his choruses from the choir. Eighteen young ladies of the choir and the congregation were put in training and on the two nights of the pro-

from its unexpectedness. "The Story of a Good Girl" was the subject of the sermon, and when the preacher had about concluded the subject and launched forth in his strictures upon the conduct of the choir, the entire congregation was paralyzed. No such sudden digression had been expected. It was the boldest kind of an anti-climax.

In the words of somebody, the end is not yet. Rev. Brady is firm; the young ladies are indignant. Between two such opposing forces it is hard to forecast the outcome."

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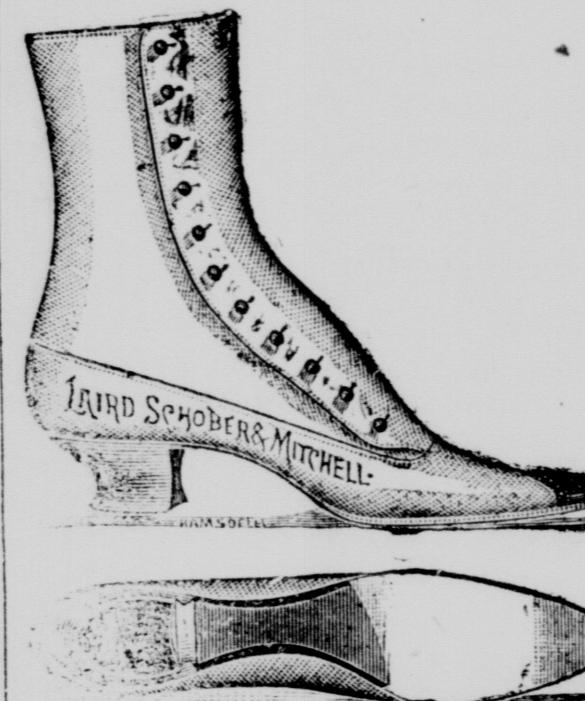
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The clerical force of the Missouri Pacific freight department has been increased in the person of Mr. Harry Ludwick, of Rich Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Ludwick have arrived in the city and will make Sedalia their home.

They kicked.

"I blush for the young ladies," said the Rev. Brady last night. He was blushing because the young ladies had kicked.

The first sentence was enough. It took not the few short ones which followed to show that the rector had raised a storm about his ears that it would take many days to quiet. A troubled murmur rose to the roof; and, like the peach of John and his sister Sue, it grew, it grew, as he proceeded to apply the lash of his disapproval to the backs of the fair singers. They postured unmaidenly and kicked immorally, he said, to the great scandal of the congregation and to his own horror.

The sermon ended, the closing hymn was sung, and the rector had descended to the vestry while the congregation was passing out. His sacerdotal robes had hardly been taken off ere a commotion was heard at the door and a bevy of fair damsels trooped in upon his solitude. Fire flashed from every eye and indignation stalked with every step.

The Rev. Brady was firm, the young ladies fierce. For the next fifteen minutes the air was filled with the voices of the young ladies, who, in seeming chorus, though alone, expressed their displeasure at the charges made by the rector.

Explanation would have been useless, had Mr. Brady been ready to make one. He iterated again his belief that the conduct of the ladies had been altogether unmaidenly; and they reiterated that his charge was totally groundless. They called upon him for an immediate retraction of his words and for a public statement that he had been misinformed. The rector finally returned home and the young ladies left the church.

No such sensation as this has ever before intruded its presence in any sanctuary in Denver. It came like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, and created all the more havoc

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ON THE PIAZZA, WAITING



For the EVENING DEMOCRAT.

"I would earnestly advise them for their good to order this paper to be punctually served up and to be looked upon as a part of the tea equipage."—ADDISON.

THE fight between the rival factions in St. Louis takes place today. Let it end with the going down of the sun.

EVERYTHING has its uses, and even Filley fills a want. He keeps the other republicans so busy watching his manipulations of the wires that they have no time to fight the democracy.

SEDALIA must get ready to properly entertain the democratic convention which meets here next month. The leading citizens from all parts of the state will be present, and the Queen City must maintain the popularity she now enjoys.

BLAINE, again, through a friend, declines to accept the republican presidential nomination. Having once tasted the bitterness of defeat he does not yearn for another dose of that medicine, and, wise man that he is, he wants it given to his friend (?) Harrison.

THE committees on finance, reception and arrangements for the democratic state convention meet at the Commercial club rooms tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The work to be done is important enough to enlist the services of every citizen of Sedalia.

BILLY PATTERSON, the Marshall correspondent of the St. Louis *Republic*, turns his imagination loose and lets it tell of a Saline county farmer who killed 220 snakes in one day recently. Soon the mad dog scare will be ripe and, judging from the above indications, Billy will harvest a full crop.

THE friends of Hon. J. H. Bothwell want to present that gentleman with Chauncey L. Filley's shoes, but from the experience of the past they had better let out the contract for removing "de old man's" foot gear and see that it is faithfully and successfully carried out before they bestow the trophies upon anybody.

FROM recent developments in the democratic party one would infer that some of our aspiring politicians are eager to make Missouri doubtful state. If this is their intention they are doubtless impressed with the idea that vice-presidential nominations and cabinet positions would be more likely to come this way if the state was not so reliably democratic.

THE REPORT comes from Washington City that Hon. Henry Watterson regards Cleveland's nomination as suicidal and will take a summer vacation in Europe should that event happen. But

wrong that there need be no uneasiness felt on reading this one. Should Cleveland be the winner at Chicago both Henry and his "starry-eyed goddess" will be in the fight on Grover's side.

STOP IT NOW.

A prominent Missouri democrat, one who has grown gray in the service of his party and who is as warm hearted and true to his friends as the day is long, in the hearing of a number of democrats recently spoke of the factional fights now going on among democrats as suicidal, wrong and disgusting.

And he was right.

There has been and is far too much of it.

Hill's friends and Cleveland's supporters started the war in the east and it has grown more bitter and relentless as it has spread, until thoughtful men almost despair of either of these great leaders being able to carry what ought to be a reliably democratic state, and what would be reliable and safe under any good democrat's leadership but for the factional fight which has made democrats hate each other worse than they hate republican rule.

The fighting mania has reached St. Louis, and the Maffitt faction and the Noonan faction have sharpened up their knives, brought out their batteries and begun to slaughter each other regardless of the fact that a watchful alert and unscrupulous enemy of both is encamped in the rear, ready to attack the party in the fall campaign after democrats have become distrustful of each other.

Even candidates for state offices have become embroiled in the fray, and the criminations and re-criminations which they hurl at each other will furnish the republicans with campaign material to last until after the election.

Even in the country districts the fight is on, and the bitterness is growing every day.

Democrats must stop this unless they want to turn the state over to the republicans.

Decent men who are only in politics from love of principle soon grow tired of the smell of the sewer, and if indecency is carried too far the result will be ruinous.

Our own city furnishes an instance of what a bitter, indecent, shameless campaign will do for a party.

At the late election scores of republicans voted the democratic ticket merely to record their utter detestation of the outrageously indecent fight which the republican organ made on the democratic ticket.

If any unfair, ungentlemanly, indecent campaign of republicans against democrats will disgust republicans sufficiently to make them vote the democratic ticket, what will be the natural effect upon democrats when they witness just such factional fights in their own party.

There should be fairness and courtesy among democrats at least in their own party contests. Men should feel that campaigns for nominations are but friendly rivalries and not wars of extermination.

United and harmonious the democratic party never has been and never can be fairly defeated in the United States, and the way to preserve that harmony and unity is for the democrats in each locality to frown down factional fights, treat the disturbers of the peace in the party as dangerous, turbulent men; make it a sure passport to defeat for any candidate to make unfair war upon any other democrat.

This can easily be done and the democratic press of Missouri can do much toward bringing about this reform.

A political party must be in discipline and loyalty like an army if it wins in a close contest, and what would be thought of a general who would permit his soldiers to use pistol and saber upon each other on the eve of a great battle. What soldiers could face an enemy successfully while the bayonets of their own rear rank were red with their blood?

The triumph of democratic principles is more important than the success of any individual, and he who in the hot chase after personal honors or official emoluments will strike down and destroy others who

should be treated as would the soldier who would murder or maltreat his comrade while on guard. Let us stop it; and let every true democrat wash his own skirts, keep his own temper and do his utmost to preserve unity, harmony and enthusiasm in the ranks.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The Gentlemen Named Who Are to Care for the Delegates in May.

The Sedalia Democratic club met at Hurley's hall last night. Hon. Frank Walker, candidate for attorney general and Hon. Henry Newmann, delivered short but pointed addresses.

President Wm. H. Powell, jr., appointed the following committee for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the convention which meets in Sedalia May 11th:

Finances—Geo. P. B. Jackson, chairman; W. D. Steele, Wm. Courtney.

Arrangements—Thos. Mitchum, chairman; Hanley Pilkington, Geo. F. Longan, J. D. Sicher, Dr. H. W. Wood, Chas. E. Yeater, W. D. Steele, Edward R. Marvin, John McGinley, P. B. Stratton, Jr., J. West Goodwin, Ed. Hurley, Dr. W. C. Overstreet, Robt. D. Thatcher, Thos. C. Holland.

Reception—Mayor E. W. Stevens, chairman; Bell Hutchinson, Chas. Carroll, Joseph S. Hughes, Col. T. P. Hoy, John Cashman, E. G. Cassidy, D. D. Kennedy, Geo. B. Dent, G. N. Boutell, Mont Carnes, James S. Hopkins, R. T. Gentry, W. F. Tuttle, J. N. Dalby, J. D. Gibbs; B. W. Zimmerman, John Waddell, M. Doherty, Chas. Dexter, Frank B. Meyer.

The above committees are requested to meet at the Commercial club rooms to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

A VETERAN.

Maj. Bateman, Temperance Advocate of San Francisco in Town.

Major A. C. Bateman, the famous temperance advocate of San Francisco, California, is in the city and will co-operate with Col. R. Foster Stone in organizing a local lodge of Good Templars.

In common with the above mentioned gentleman Maj. Bateman is laboring in Missouri at present under the auspices of the grand lodge of the state.

The major is a veteran, having been "pacing this weary mortal round" for sixty years. He is a native of New York state, where his father was a prominent minister who was killed from the effects of a stone thrown by a drunken assassin through the church window while he was in pulpit.

"This was forty years ago," remarked Maj. Bateman to a DEMOCRAT reporter this morning. "Shortly afterward I came to Missouri and for several years conducted a newspaper at St. Joseph—the Tribune."

I next became actively engaged in church work and was for a number of years general missionary for the Baptist church in Missouri. Eleven years ago I went to the Pacific coast for the benefit of my health and have since been engaged in temperance work."

A meeting will be held at the Montgomery street church to-night.

TO CALL A CONVENTION.

The Time to be Set for Nominating a Judge in This Judicial Circuit.

Wm. Young, of Lexington; James Wingfield, of Saline, and George P. B. Jackson, of Sedalia, the committeemen for this judicial circuit met in this city yesterday to fix a date for the convention to nominate a judge.

They adjourned without arriving at a definite result, and will meet again in Higginsville for the same purpose.

Services at Calvary Church.

There will be evening prayer and sermon at Calvary Episcopal church to-night, Rev. Alexander Allen officiating.

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Died.

The five year old child of Robt Hodges, of Clifton, died Monday evening. The funeral took place at 3 p. m. Tuesday, at Lamont.

A Correction.

In the committee appointed by Mrs. Patti Moore, the name of Miss Sue Parberry should be substituted for that of Mrs. M. Bixby in the curio department.

Take your prescriptions and have them compounded at "Ott Pharmacy."

AMUSEMENTS.

Lew Dockstader's latest and greatest hit in the way of a song is entitled, "I Asked to be Excused." It has made an immense hit everywhere. He will sing it here next Wednesday, the 27th, at the opera house on the appearance of the famous Dockstader Minstrel organization.

Every scene overflowing with beauty, mirth and melody, the handsomest women, prettiest scenery and more novelties than any other show on the road is what is claimed for the Nibbles Big Burlesque Co., which comes to Wood's opera house Friday, April 29th. The company and burlesque have caught on greatly everywhere, and will doubtless score a hit in our city. Secure the best seats and enjoy the good things in store.

Deals in Dirt.

Following are the real estate transfers for Tuesday and to-day:

J. P. Cunningham and wife to Thos. A. Moore, 30 acres n part n quarter of n e quarter sec. 24, twp. 48, range 21, and 5 acres out of n e corner of n e quarter of n w quarter section 19, twp. 48, range 20, \$420.

Benj. Howard to Wm. Anderson, 5 acres in section 22, twp. 46, range 20, \$75.

Callie Clingan and husband to W. B. Shaw, lots 3 and 4 in block 7, Hall's addition to Lamont, \$500.

Elvira F. Walburn to Joseph Young, lots 6 and 7, block 3, Felix's addition to Sedalia.

Jail Release.

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